

Application 2024 [REDACTED]

Project: Curating calendar of “Climate Justice in Tech” events received

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Project

code ▶ [REDACTED]

project name ▶ Project: Curating calendar of “Climate Justice in Tech” events

fund ▶ Open_Call

requested amount ▶ € 24000

website ▶ • <https://wiki.tech-inc.nl/User:Becha/climate->

synopsis

This project proposal is about establishing temporary role of a curator of the events calendar focused on Climate Justice in Tech.

Contemporary computing research, network operations & Internet Governance are intertwined with human rights, ecological limits & climate justice. There are many events working on these crossroads: academic, technical, hacking, civil rights, social sciences, engineering... and they would all benefit from knowing about each others' content, and being cross-connected.

My short-term goals are to populate existing calendars with Climate Justice events, cross-connect the communities, and make the sharing of information easier – by spotting the opportunities cooperation and fixing the bugs.

My longer-term goal is to improve the existing solutions in such a way that my role becomes unnecessary; or, failing that, to make this role & project so successful, that it will attract further funding to keep it running.

I am already involved in doing this, in multiple ways, for several years. However, to do it properly requires dedicated time & effort, so I decided to ask for help. By granting me the funds, you would give me the means to take a sabbatical from my regular work, and focus mainly on this project.

I am a Community Builder by vocation, and this is my passion too; therefore, I am perfectly suitable for this role and for this project.

There is a technical side of the project too, but this proposal is about the human side: personal dedication, (re)using existing technology & giving life energy to what matters for the future of the Internet – within planetary limits and with Climate Justice.

experience

I have been involved in many ways:

- maintaining collections of events on wiki pages : <https://wiki.techinc.nl/Sustainability#Events>
& <https://wiki.techinc.nl/User:Becha/events2023>
- sharing the information on many mailing lists, in the communities I am involved with ;
e.g. <https://mailarchive.ietf.org/arch/msg/e->

impact/OpFhaw08aEkmZ4jeqcyKkIDHSAU/

- organising events to try to establish the “federated calendar” platform: [https://wiki-techinc.nl/Open_Data_AI_Climate_Justice_Calendar](https://wiki.techinc.nl/Open_Data_AI_Climate_Justice_Calendar)
- reporting back from the relevant events : <https://labs.ripe.net/author/becha/computing-within-limits-2023/>
- speaking at events as part of my work : The Environmental Impact of Internet: Urgency, Degrowth, Rebellion
<https://ripe86.ripe.net/archives/video/1001/>
- in general, maintaining a community called UnCiv since 2014, both as a mailing list & as series of events: <https://lists.pusci.nl/wvs/arc/uncivilization/2024-01/msg00015.html> // unciv.nl

usage

Project would last for 6 months; I am asking for Dutch minimum wages as "cost of living"; I only travel by train & stay at modest accommodation or with friends; and I plan to visit 3 events, plus possibly organising a small event myself.

- living costs stipend: 6*2000€
- travel expenses: 3*1000€
- organising a small event on the intersection of Tech & Climate Justice: 3k

total=24k

I did not receive any funding for this until now, but I will keep on trying!

I will also be happy with half of this amount!
Or with a double, for the whole year!

comparison

Existing collections:

- Digital_Rights_&_Climate_Justice monthly newsletter shares some of the events : digital-rights-climate-justice+subscribe@groups.io

Just Sustainability Transition: <https://groups.google.com/g/justsustainabilitytransitions/about>

Climate Cultures: <https://climatecultures.net>

- academic events are shared on several other lists:

<https://www.ripe.net/ripe/mail/archives/racilist/2024-January/000271.html>

- there are open calendars for technical events, but they do not accept "climate jus-

tice" as fitting into their acceptable use.

- ripe.net/events
- nsrc.net/calendar
- pch.net/calendar
- <https://foss.events/>

And there are activist calendars that do not cover technical events:

- <https://radar.squat.net>
- <https://events.rebellion.global>

What my project would bring as a cross-connection between these places / platforms, and hopefully reduction of duplicated effort on their sides, thus leading to better use of our common shared resources (time, personal energy, and even money).

there are also commercial services such as Meetup.org & EventBrite, which are not in the scope of my project for now.

challenges

- These are a mix of human/social & technical challenges: they will not be "solved" by my little project, and still I am hopeful to contributing towards the solutions:

- coordinating humans is a hard job
- "search" technology is a multi-

billion \$ business...

- multiplication of standards ->

<https://xkcd.com/927/>

- not-invented-here factor

ecosystem

Actors involved are: Climate Justice communities & their event organisers, existing mailing lists, developers & maintainers of federated software / ActivityPub and of plug-ins for exchanging that data with existing calendars; hackerspaces and hackers events; Internet Governance & Standardisation organisations (IETF, RIPE, IEEE, IGF, Wikimedia...).

I am already embedded in many of these communities, and I would be contributing to their existing work, serving as a multiplier, enabler & connector.

I will attend their meetings (for example, CCC congress, DeGrowth conference, IETF) and “do my magic”: knit the communities closer together.

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